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கொண்டுவந்தது. அது சமயம் அங்கு ஹெல்த் ஆபீசர் இல்லை. அந்த நோயைக் குறைக்க விசேஷ நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா? அரசாங்கத்தின் கவனத்திற்கு இந்த விஷயம் கொண்டுவரப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இராமனாதபுரத்தைப் பற்றிய தகவல் இப்பொழுது என்னிடம் இல்லை. விசேஷ நடவடிக்கை மாகாணம் பூராவும் எடுக்கிறதாக உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறது.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : It is the common belief among the rural folk that this disease is caused due to not having appeased the village goddess. Does this Government subscribe to this theory? If it does not, how does this Government account for the large influx of pilgrims to places like ' Periapalayathamman koil ' in a suburb of the City of Madras ? Apart from the scientific methods adopted by this Government, would the Government also concentrate upon this strange notion whether it is really efficacious or not ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I may inform the hon. Member that though we are living in 20th century there are people still living with 10th century mentality, I mean the mentality of the old type. They still believe in these things. There is no scientific basis for that.

Water-supply system at Nagercoil

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of question No. 1795 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 1795 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for handing over the Nagercoil Water Works to the Municipality by the Government;

(*b*) the date of the transfer;

(*c*) the amount of dues to be paid to the Government by the Municipality on the day of the transfer on account of the Water Works; and

(*d*) whether this amount has been realized?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) In accordance with the practice obtaining in the rest of the State, the Water Supply System at Nagercoil was handed over to the Municipal Council.

(*b*) 15th May 1959.

(*c*) Rs. 7,35,600.

(*d*) No, Sir

Village hospitals

* 1796 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to build village hospitals through the peoples' co-operation ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No. Sir.